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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/823,638

Filed: March 30, 2001

For: METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING  
DEFECTS AND DEVICE FOR THE  
SAME

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6928

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 5, 2003 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.